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In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for recovery of lost/damaged data comprising:
- generating hypotheses for lost/damaged data within a received bitstream of
encoded image data;
 - generating scores for the hypotheses;
 - selecting a hypothesis corresponding to a best score from the generated scores;
 - decoding the lost/damaged data according to the selected hypothesis;
 - evaluating at least one other hypothesis and selectively flagging data based upon
the evaluation; and
 - executing an error recovery process on the flagged data.

2. (Previously Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the evaluating
comprises examining at least one score distribution of at least one hypothesis.

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